

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SIMON PAUL DAVIS ET AL.
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED
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Title: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO PACKET SWITCHES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment

May 25, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and amend the remaining claims:
(A copy of a marked up version with markings to show changes made is attached.)

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of e) filling a blank multicast schedule in accordance with the priority assigned to each ingress means.

(Applicant's Remarks are set forth hereinbelow, starting on the following page.)

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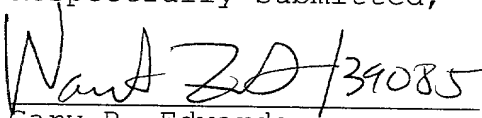
REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #3036/49962).

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

6. (Amended) A method according to claim [4 or 5,] 4, further comprising the step of e) filling a blank multicast schedule in accordance with the priority assigned to each ingress means.